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PRESENTATION DEVICE, INNER
FORCE SENSE PRESENTATION
METHOD, AND INNER FORCE SENSE
PRESENTATION PROGRAM

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of October 7, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance, paragraph 3 states in part:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose the claimed invention. **The features of independent claim 1 and 8** directed towards allowable subject matter is "...a jetting unit that includes a nozzles and that is configured to control a jet amount or a jet direction of gas or liquid jetted from the nozzles; and a jet control unit configured to control the jet amount or the jet direction of the gas or the liquid according to a position or an orientation of a receiver that is configured to receive a pressure by the gas or the liquid jetted from the jetting unit so as to provide force feedback to an operator wherein..."


Although the above comment appears to address Claim 1, it is respectfully noted that independent Claim 8 does not include this language. For example, Claim 8, being directed to a force feedback method, does not include a reference to structure as may be implied and/or inferred by the examiner's statement. For example, the claim does not include a reference to a "jet control unit". Claim 8 is patentable by virtue of the limitations recited therein rather than the structure of the apparatus. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does not apply to Claim 8 to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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